GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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POLICY FOR ALLOCATION OF LIGNITE BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change present policy for allotment of lignite blocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of lignite blocks allocated and subsequently cancelled in Rajasthan on the recommendations of NLC during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government plans to renew the cancelled lignite blocks;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): The Government has reviewed the policy regarding necessity of obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) for allocation of lignite blocks and it has been decided that henceforth lignite blocks would be identified in consultation with NLC and would be placed in the list of blocks identified for allocation. These could then be circulated to State Governments / Central Ministries or advertised for allocation through Screening Committee as the case may be. Once this exercise is carried out there would be no need for the State Government companies to obtain NOC from NLC separately.

(c) : No lignite block allocated during the last three years in Rajasthan has been cancelled.

(d) to (g) : Does not arise in view of the answer given to part (c) of the question.